

Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany

February 20, 2022

The First Reading

Genesis 45:3-11, 15

Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.

Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there--since there are five more years of famine to come--so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.'"

And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

Psalm

Psalm 37:1-12, 41-42

- 1 Do not fret yourself because of evildoers; *
do not be jealous of those who do wrong.
- 2 For they shall soon wither like the grass, *
and like the green grass fade away.
- 3 Put your trust in the LORD and do good; *
dwell in the land and feed on its riches.
- 4 Take delight in the LORD, *
and he shall give you your heart's desire.
- 5 Commit your way to the LORD and put your trust in him, *
and he will bring it to pass.
- 6 He will make your righteousness as clear as the light *
and your just dealing as the noonday.
- 7 Be still before the LORD *
and wait patiently for him.
- 8 Do not fret yourself over the one who prospers, *
the one who succeeds in evil schemes.
- 9 Refrain from anger, leave rage alone; *
do not fret yourself; it leads only to evil.
- 10 For evildoers shall be cut off, *
but those who wait upon the LORD shall possess the land.
- 11 In a little while the wicked shall be no more; *
you shall search out their place, but they will not be there.
- 12 But the lowly shall possess the land; *
they will delight in abundance of peace.
- 41 But the deliverance of the righteous comes from the LORD; *
he is their stronghold in time of trouble.
- 42 The LORD will help them and rescue them; *
he will rescue them from the wicked and deliver them,
because they seek refuge in him.

The Second Reading

1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50

Someone will ask, "How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?" Fool! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. And as for what you sow, you do not sow the body that is to be, but a bare seed, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body.

So it is with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable, what is raised is imperishable. It is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. It is sown a physical body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a physical body, there is also a spiritual body. Thus it is written, "The first man, Adam, became a living being"; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. But it is not the spiritual that is first, but the physical, and then the spiritual. The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. As was the man of dust, so are those who are of the dust; and as is the man of heaven, so are those who are of heaven. Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we will also bear the image of the man of heaven.

What I am saying, brothers and sisters, is this: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

The Gospel Reading

Luke 6:27-38

Before proclaiming the Gospel, the Priest says

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you.

"If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

"Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back."

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Announcements

Birthdays this month

1st: Norah Lindsey Jackson
 4th: Carolyn Deakins
 5th: Natalie Buckner
 6th: Robert Brown
 9th: Tommy Smith
 10th: Belinda King
 11th: Charlie Duesterhoft
 13th: Claire Renzetti
 15th: Jessica Sanders
 15th: Sarah Watson
 16th: Wanda Ellis
 21st: Rusty Akinson
 28th: Jonathan Roberts

Ash Wednesday Service

Wednesday, March 2nd join us for worship at 6:00PM

Lent Wednesday Night Services

Please join us every Wednesday as we begin this Lenten Journey together. Starting **Wednesday, March 9th**, we'll gather at 6PM. We need volunteers to help bring stuff for dinner. Signup sheet is in the Narthex.

Adult Education

Starting **Sunday, March 6th**, we will do an adult education hour starting at **9:00 AM** in Mother Tracey's office. For Lent we will look at this year's offering from Living Compass, which Mother Tracey has ordered. The meditation book is also available as an eBook on Amazon.

SMAA Workday

Saturday, March 5th. We're currently looking for volunteers for our upcoming St. Michael's Workday. Please join us at **9:00AM** to help with some general outside clean up. To make this a success, we need your help. You can stay as long or as little as you need. Please come and be a part of Sharing God's Love by maintaining HIS beautiful place of worship at St. Michael's.

Nursery News

Our Parish Nursery will reopen on Sunday mornings beginning with **Easter Sunday, April 17th**. This is going to mean we need more volunteers. All volunteers must be approved through Mother Tracey and must obtain Safeguarding God's Children Certification through the Diocese. If you are interested, please contact Mother Tracey

Worship Tech Volunteers

We are needing more Worship Tech Volunteers. You can set your own volunteer schedule in our church scheduling program. It is easy, just use a mouse to project the next slide onto the screen. Major skill needed is to climb stairs. Contact Bryan White b4hntn@cablerynx.com

Longview Community Ministries

They are the principal organization in Longview that helps people with all sorts of emergency services, including food. They have asked us to help by donating canned fruits and vegetables during this season when food bank donations are down, and the need for services has increased. We will have a basket in the Narthex for ongoing donations. Please donate if you are able.

Prayer Requests

Healing For:

- Brian Watson
- Ruby Hahne
- Nancy
- Frank Rauch
- Roni & Tom

To submit a prayer request, fill out the back of the information sheet in the pew and place it in the offering.

Or, send an email with your request to: prayer@smaalongview.org

**** Emailed prayer requests are received by all who've signed up for the SMAA prayer chain. This community of prayer is committed to holding up our needs and thanksgivings to God whenever they are shared. TO JOIN IN THIS IMPORTANT MINISTRY, JUST SEND A REQUEST TO SMAA@SMAALONGVIEW.ORG ASKING TO BE A PART OF THE PRAYER CHAIN. ****

Stewardship Update

DATE	GIVING	BUDGET	ABOVE/BELOW
01/23/22	\$100	\$2,955	-\$2,855
01/30/22	\$2,032	\$2,955	-\$923
02/06/22	\$1,840	\$2,955	-\$1,115
02/13/22	\$3,509	\$2,955	\$553
YTD TOTALS	\$17,711	\$20,686	-\$2,976

This Sunday's Servers

Cameras & Streaming: Danielle Martin

Danny's Team: Stan Williams

Eucharistic Ministers: David Brown

Greeter: Catherine White

Lector: Susan Brown

Ushers: Donna Richardson

Vestry People: Amy Brown, David Brown

Worship Tech: Amy Brown

NEXT Sunday's Servers (02/27)

Cameras & Streaming: Danielle Martin

Danny's Team: Stan Williams

Eucharistic Ministers: Frank Supercinski

Greeter: Susan Kuhlman

Lector: Charlie Parker

Ushers: Bryan White

Vestry People: Bryan White, Susan Kuhlman

Worship Tech: Laura Brown

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